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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph commencing at page 6, line 1 with the following:

Turning to the support frame 104, as discussed above, the support frame 104 includes at least one support beam 31 attached to at least two suspension posts 61 spaced from one another. It should be noted that although the terms "beam" and "post" usually connote narrow, elongate structures, it is contemplated that either the support beam 31 and/or the suspension posts 61 may be flat and/or planar to aid in supporting the platform 72. In the optional embodiment of FIGS. 1 and 2, for example, each of two support beams 31 are connected to a lower end of two suspension posts 61. While the optional embodiment of FIGS. 1 and 2 shows each support beam 31 attached to a suspension post 61 at its ends, it is contemplated that the suspension posts 61 could be attached to the support beam 31 at any point along the length of the support beam 31. Similarly, although the optional embodiment of FIGS. 1 and 2 show the ends of the support beam 31 extending beyond the edges 6 of the platform 72, it is contemplated that the support beam 31 may be of any length, either longer or shorter, with respect to the platform 72. In ~~other~~ another embodiment, such as that shown in FIGS. 6-12, the support beam 31 and suspension posts 61 are connected through a corner joint that serves to form a suspension post element 61b as well as a portion, shown of FIG. 8, or all, shown in FIG. 12, of the support beam 31. It is noted that the support beam 31 need not necessarily be unitary and may optionally comprise joined sections as shown in FIGS. 6-8.